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SNYDER PLANNED NEW PARADISE IN THE OZARKS.

Wanted Retreat From His Cares.

The death of R. M. Snyder, of Kansas City, multimillionaire promoter, man of brains and energy and enterprise, has revealed him in a new light—as the man of dreams and idealisms. Perhaps when the splendid fortune that Snyder accumulated shall have been dissipated and the sorrows and shames that pursued him and his house shall have been forgotten, the materialization of his dreams shall prevail, and the world will remember him, not for his money or the things he did to gain it, but for the beauty spot that his brain conceived and his money wrought.

Robert M. Snyder's dream was to establish a Missouri paradise on the southern slope of the Ozarks. His ambition was to make for himself the most beautiful and entrancing home in the world. And to realize his purpose he was willing to spend a million dollars or more of his money and to devote the remainder of his life to perfecting his plans.

His untimely end has interrupted, but not terminated, the Snyder dream of a Missouri paradise. It is understood that his poetically conceived and carefully worked out designs will be conscientiously executed by his widow and his brother, George P. Snyder, of Kansas City. SNYDER PARADISE INCLUDES 3,500 ACRES IN OZARKS.

Twenty-five miles due north of Lebanon, in Laclede county, fair and luring as ever Scott sh had ever dreamed of immortalizing, lie the 3,500 acres that R. M. Snyder bought for his home beautiful, dotted here and there with orchards, divided but not disintegrated by a dozen verdant and rich-yielding farms, backgrounded by the gorgeous beauty of the Ozark foothills and broken by such picturesque and entrancing scenery as may be found nowhere but in the Ozark region. The Snyder Paradise lapses along the turbulent, tumbling waters of the River Niangua, and finds its chief and central beauty in that "Killarney of the Ozarks, Lake Ha-Ha-Tonka.

In this new Eden that the man of schemes and brains and money and poesy discovered, Mr. Snyder planned to establish the most magnificent, beautiful and entrancing private estate in the world. In the working out of his preliminary plans he had expended through the Bank of Lebanon within the last year \$125,000 for labor alone. The other expenditures, made for material—of which great train loads were shipped to Lebanon and hauled twenty-five miles over the rough mountain roads—and for other items, will easily bring the total of his outlay up to the time of his death, exclusive of the first cost of the land, up to the sum of \$300,000. And the development of the dreamer-promoter's plans would—and will—cost countless thousands more.

GREENHOUSE WILL COVER TWO ACRES. Today there stands on the sidings at Lebanon a dozen cars filled with material of various kinds. Some of the cars contain glass for the great greenhouse that is to cover two acres, and is to be the largest private greenhouse in the world. Others contain the furnishings for the splendid mansion that Snyder had a most completed when he met his death in an automobile accident in Kansas City last Saturday.

This beautiful residence, containing more than twenty rooms, builded entirely of stone and lumber hewn or sawed from the Snyder acres, stands on a bluff 250 feet above Lake Ha-Ha-Tonka. The mansion is 8x10 in dimensions, and is of most imposing appearance. Certainly a fairer site or a more picturesque could not have been selected.

BUILDINGS CLUSTERED AROUND HA-HA-TONKA.

Around the 100 acres of lake—stocked by Mr. Snyder with trout and bass and pickerel—all manner of game fish—spreads the woodland that first won his fancy. Clothed in its autumnal splendor this gorgeous setting of Ha-Ha-Tonka today presents a vision that would win the heart of any poet, be he known as franchise broker, stock promoter, man of gold or man of steel.

Clustered around the lake, the mansion, the great greenhouses, the splendid stables, with capacity for 100 horses, and the cozy cottages for the servants, already have been partially erected.

The group of buildings, when completed, will mean an outlay of half a

million dollars. The mansion alone has cost already more than \$75,000, and the roof is not on, and the interior fittings are yet to be transported and placed. The cost of the great greenhouses in which Snyder planned to grow peaches and oranges, grapes and figs the year around, can only be hazarded.

Around the lake and the buildings, the heart of the Snyder Eden, comprising more than 200 acres, is to be erected a rustic stone fence at a cost of thousands of dollars.

Beyond, in the great game preserves, broken by its natural bridges its wonderful caves and dells, and the hurrying, jubilant Niangua, Mr. Snyder planned to find retreat from the cares and sorrows that had filled his later years.

Two thousand pheasant eggs hatched on the estate last spring had stocked the estate with these beautiful game birds. Quail, prairie chicken, wild turkey, squirrels and rabbits abounded there to such an extent that no re-enforcement was needed. Had the millionaire lived to enjoy his Paradise it would have been lacking none of the allurements of which he had dreamed.

OFFERED TO GIVE COUNTY \$10,000 TO BUILD A ROAD.

That his Eden might be accessible to his friends from the outer world, Mr. Snyder offered to give to Laclede County, lying just south of his estate, in Camden County, \$10,000 for the construction of a splendid road from Lebanon to the north county line. This offer probably would have been accepted, and likely will be if the estate renews it.

That it is intended by Mrs. Snyder and George P. Snyder, brother of the late promoter, to complete his plans and make his dream a reality, is best evidenced by the fact that Mr. W. I. Deffendorfer, cashier of the Bank of Lebanon, yesterday received a telegram from the First National Bank, of Kansas City, to honor all outstanding checks against the Snyder estate for the work being done at Ha-Ha-Tonka.

BANKER THINKS PLANS WILL BE CONSUMMATED.

Mr. Deffendorfer, who has all along been thoroughly conversant with the Snyder plans for the establishment of this Missouri paradise in the Ozarks, believes that Mr. Snyder's death will not interfere with their execution.

"Mr. Snyder's brother," said Mr. Deffendorfer, over the long-distance telephone to The Republic last night, "has all along had active charge of the making of this new Eden. My understanding is that he will proceed with the plans as if the untimely end of his brother had not occurred. The buildings already erected are insured in his name, and he knows and sympathizes with his late brother's plans and dreams.

"It will be a loss to Missouri and to poesy if the plans of the late millionaire are not consummated. I deem his enterprise the most poetic and entrancing that ever was undertaken in this country. He told me several times that he proposed to have the most beautiful and unique country estate in the world. He was weary of the battle of life, and he wanted to retreat where his soul might find peace. It is very sad that death has cut him off from the realization and enjoyment of his dreams."—St. Louis Republican.

LECTURE COURSE.

It would be well if every one would provide themselves with season tickets for the grand course of entertainments to be given at the Opera House by the Midland Lyceum Bureau, of Des Moines, Iowa, under the auspices of the Progress Club. These are all high class entertainments.

Some editorial comment:

"One of the best enjoyed musical entertainments held in Unionville for years was given by the Madrigal Ladies Quartette at the M. E. church last night, it being the fifth number of the lecture course. The church was crowded. The young ladies who compose the quartette are each exceptionally good in their line of work. While thoroughly self-possessed and perfectly at ease on the platform, yet the young ladies have a modesty and grace which adds a personal charm. That they all won the hearts of their audience was attested by the

fact that every number was warmly applauded, and on each except the closing one the ladies graciously granted encore numbers."—Observer, Unionville, Mo.

"The first of the winter's Star Course entertainments was presented at the Bessemer opera house Monday evening by Nat M. Brigham in his illustrated lecture on the 'Grand Canyon of Colorado.' One is attracted by the picture, but when the resonant voice of the lecturer calls attention to the scene in a beautiful word picture such as is seldom heard it becomes doubly attractive."—Herald, Bessemer, Mich.

"Marvin Williams had a good audience at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night, and there has hardly been a better entertainment in Waycross. From the minute he began the crowd favored him and there were only a few breathing spells between the laughs. His lecturette entitled 'Living in Love' was rich in humor and at times the audience roared. His fine touches of beauty and pathos throughout gave the more relish to his fun."—Journal, Waycross, Ga.

The first entertainment will be a lecture by Rev. Atkinson on the evening of November 23rd.

Season tickets for sale by Harry Mills, at The Fair.

TEACHERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

Morgan County Teachers' Association Held Interesting Sessions in Versailles Last Week.

[Reported by MISS NELLIE ALLEN.]

The Morgan County Teachers' Association held their sessions in Versailles, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 25, 26 and 27.

We met Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and Mr. Witten, our worthy County Commissioner, was elected chairman, and Ed. Gehrs secretary. About seventy teachers were enrolled. At this session Mr. Kiesey, agent for the American Book Company, from Chicago, delivered a lecture on "Teachers' Salaries." In the afternoon he delivered another lecture on "Preparation of the Teacher." He urged the teachers to attend the summer normal schools.

Friday morning we had with us Prof. Hoover, head of the agricultural department of our Warrensburg State Normal. He delivered an interesting and instructive address on "Nature Study." Friday evening he delivered his popular lecture, "Among the Alps," in the circuit court room. Prof. Hoover was always ready for any question the teachers should ask him.

Saturday Dr. Riley, from Columbia, delivered an address on "Sociology." His lecture was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Emory, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, was present during the entire sessions of the Association, and each morning had charge of the opening exercises.

Hon. Conway Jones was present each day and took an active part. He was the only district clerk present at this meeting. He is the teacher's friend, always ready and willing to help the teacher through difficulties.

Mr. Baker, editor of the Statesman, presided Friday afternoon, Mr. Witten having been called away. Mr. Baker was very much in favor of obedience in school. It is true that if children obey while at school the teacher finds very little trouble.

This Association was one of the best ever held in this county. Each teacher seemed interested and took an active part in the proceedings. The program as printed, was carried

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out with one or two exceptions.

Mr. Witten, in a few well chosen remarks, closed the Association Saturday afternoon, thanking the teachers for the kindness shown to him as their Commissioner.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Witten for the able manner in which he governed this, as well as previous, Associations.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee on resolutions of the Teachers' Association of Morgan County, submit the following resolutions:

1. That we express our humble and heartfelt thanks to the All Wise Creator, for His manifold blessings, and trust that through our faith in Him, that we as teachers may be able to lead and direct aright those intrusted to our care.

2. That we heartily endorse the work of our Commissioner, Prof. Wray Witten, and express our thanks for his untiring efforts in making our Association a success.

3. That we thank Profs. Livesay, Hoover and Riley for their beneficial talks to the teachers on educational lines.

4. That we thank Hon. Conway Jones, Rev. Emory, Editor Baker and others, for the interest shown in our work and for the benefit derived from their able talks.

5. That we instruct our county representative to exert his influence towards securing county supervision, and pledge him our support in his effort.

6. That we thank the school board of Versailles for the use of the school building during our Association.

7. That a copy of these resolutions be presented to each of our county papers for publication.

J. S. BOICE, Chairman,
LUZZIE D. NAUER, Sec'y,
F. A. BREWER, ETHEL JONES.

RESOLUTIONS BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That we, the teachers of Morgan County, adopt the recommendations of Supt. Carrington, that the salary be in accordance with the average grade on the certificate, but that the per cent by which it is computed be five per cent less than that recommended in his letter.

Resolved, That the teachers organize, with an agreement that no less salary than that stipulated in the above resolution, be accepted.

CORA TENNIE,
ALBERTA BRACKNEY.

M. W. A. Notes.

Missouri has more social members in the M. W. A. than any other state. On Sept. 29 Missouri had 78,330

members in good standing in the M. W. A.

For the month of September the 7th district ranked 3rd in Missouri and 15th in the jurisdiction for new members. There are 11 districts in Missouri and 240 in the whole jurisdiction.

On September 29, there were 818,000 members in the M. W. A. in good standing and 17,000 certificates outstanding, adoptions not reported.

In Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Wisconsin there were 424,718 members in the M. W. A. on Sept. 20.

Boyer's Mill camp in Morgan county ranked first in the 7th district for new members secured during September.

The M. W. A. has one seventh of the entire membership of the 166 fraternal beneficiary societies in the United States.

There are 2,204,138 more men carrying whole life policies in fraternal societies than in old line companies.

The following 19 of the 85 camps in the 7th district have adopted 513 beneficiary members between Jan. 1 and Oct. 1: Jefferson City 60, Russell (Sedalia) 59, Eldon 49, Huguesville 39, Union 37, Bonnets Mill 25, Dunksburg 24, Iberia 24, Syracuse 23, Flora 21, Greenridge 20, Belle 19, Tucumbia 18, Lion 17, Olean 16, Spring Fork 16, Smithton 15, Edwards 13 and Sedalia 12.

MANDAMUS FILED.

MORGAN COUNTY INSTITUTES PROCEEDINGS AGAINST AUDITOR WILDER.

The mandamus proceedings, instituted against State Auditor Wilder by Morgan county, to compel him to draw a warrant in favor of the county for \$1,073.05, was submitted to the Supreme Court in band Monday.

Years ago Morgan County voted bonds for the construction of a railroad. Under a law of 1868 counties that issued bonds for such purposes could set aside the taxes received from the railroad in whose favor the bonds were issued for the redemption of the bonds. It is under this law that the county bases its claim, together with a special law passed by the last legislature authorizing the return of the money on the part of the state. Auditor Wilder holds that this law is unconstitutional and has persistently refused to draw a warrant for the money. The money was paid into the treasury just as other taxes are paid.

There is considerable interest attached to this case, for if the Auditor is wrong in his contention, there are a great number of counties that issued bonds to aid in the construction of railroads that will ask for future reimbursement for the share of taxes paid by the railroads that have been turned into the state treasury. —Jefferson City Tribune.